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METHOD

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Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above-identified application.

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1. Prosecution on this application being closed (under either appeal, final action, notice of allowance, or other prosecution closing action), this request is being submitted prior to the earliest of:
- i. ☒ Abandonment of the application.
  - ii. ☐ Payment of issue fee, or
  - iii. ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 has been granted.
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- iv. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and \_\_\_\_\_ references.
- v. ☒ New arguments or new evidence in support of patentability.
- vi. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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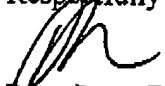
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